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Honor given to nation's top assistant coach
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STATESBORO, Ga. - The Rotary Club of Little Rock announced the nominees for the 2016 Broyles Award Wednesday with Georgia Southern tight ends coach/special teams coordinator [Chad Lunsford](#) among those to make the cut. Lunsford's special teams have been among the best in the country with senior [Younghoe Koo](#) being named a finalist for the Lou Groza Award and the Eagles leading the nation with seven blocked kicks.

The 40 nominees in this year's class were chosen from almost 1,500 assistant coaches representing over 128 FBS college football programs. Below is the full list of nominees for this year's Broyles Award:

- Alabama – Jeremy Pruitt, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

- Arkansas State – Joe Cauthen, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
- Army West Point – Jay Bateman, Defensive Coordinator
- Auburn – Kevin Steele, Defensive Coordinator
- Boise State – Scott Huff, Co-Offensive Coordinator/Offensive
- Washington State – Alex Grinch, Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
- Brigham Young – Ed Lamb, Special Team Coordinator/Safeties
- Clemson – Brent Venables, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
- Colorado – Jim Leavitt, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
- Colorado State – Will Friend, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
- **Georgia Southern – [Chad Lunsford](#), Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends**
- Houston – Todd Orlando – Defensive Coordinator
- Indiana – Tom Allen, Defensive Coordinator
- Iowa State – Tom Manning, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
- Louisiana Tech – Todd Fitch, Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
- LSU – Dave Aranda, Defensive Coordinator
- Miami – Manny Diaz, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
- Michigan – Don Brown, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
- Missouri – Glen Elarbee, Offensive Line
- Navy – Ivin Jasper, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
- Nebraska – Trent Bray, Linebackers
- North Carolina – Larry Porter, Special Teams Coordinator/Running Backs
- North Carolina State – Ryan Nielsen, Defensive Line
- Oklahoma State – Mike Yurcich, Coordinator/Quarterbacks
- Old Dominion – Brian Scott, Offensive Coordinator
- Ole Miss – Matt Luke, Co-Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
- Ohio State – Kerry Coombs, Special Teams Coordinator/Cornerbacks
- Penn State – Joe Moorhead, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
- Pittsburgh – Matt Canada, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
- South Carolina – Travaris Robinson, Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs
- Stanford – Mike Bloomgren, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
- Temple – Phil Snow, Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
- Troy – Matt Moore, Co-Offensive Coordinator
- UCF – Erik Chinander, Defensive Coordinator
- USC – Clancy Pendergast, Defensive Coordinator
- Wake Forest – Mike Elko, Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
- Western Kentucky – Tony Levine, Co-Offensive Coordinator/Special Teams Coordinator
- Western Michigan – Kirk Ciarrocca, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
- West Virginia – Tony Gibson, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
- Wisconsin – Justin Wilcox, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

The Broyles Award honors college football's top assistant coach. The award was established in 1996 to recognize legendary head football Coach Frank Broyles. Coach Broyles had a track record of producing some of the most successful assistant coaches in college football history.

The legendary 18-member selection committee will select five finalists from the list of nominees and an overall winner. Those finalists will be invited to travel to Little Rock, Arkansas, where the 2016 Broyles Award winner will be announced on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel.

This year marks the first time the Frank & Barbara Broyles Foundation has presented the award. Proceeds from the 2016 Broyles Award will go to support the mission of the Broyles Foundation; to educate, support, and connect with Alzheimer's caregivers.

"Every year the job of our selection committee is extremely difficult as they work to select the top five assistant coaches in America and an overall winner," said Betsy Broyles Arnold, Frank & Barbara Broyles Foundation President. "We are very proud of the outstanding job assistant coaches continue to do across the country."

The winner of the 2015 Broyles Award was Lincoln Riley, University of Oklahoma. For a list of all previous winners, visit the [Broyles Award website](#).

The Broyles Award is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA) which encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. The 21 awards boast 699 years of tradition-selection excellence. Visit [NCFAA.org](#) to learn more about their story.

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